/12. (Amended) A signal receiving apparatus comprising:

a tuner for receiving a transmission signal containing at least one of a VSB modulated signal and a QAM modulated signal and for selecting one of the VSB modulated signal and the QAM modulated signal to obtain a selected signal;

an analog-to-digital converter for converting the selected signal into a series of digital codes; a transversal filter provided on an orthogonal axis for suppressing a transmission distortion of the series of digital codes with respect to both orthogonal axes to obtain a series of filtered digital codes allocated on the orthogonal axes;

a carrier recovery means for phase-compensating a carrier of the filtered digital codes allocated on the orthogonal axis outputted from the transversal filter; [and]

a control means for producing a control signal to extract detected codes at equal time intervals from the VSB modulated signal; and

a clock reproducing means for phase synchronizing entire codes of the QAM modulated signal when the selected signal is the QAM modulated signal and for phase synchronizing codes of the VSB modulated signal intermittently at predetermined intervals when the selected signal is the VSB modulated signal [; and

a decoding means for decoding an output of the carrier recovery means].

--13. A signal receiving apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

a decoding means for decoding an output of said carrier recovery means.--

